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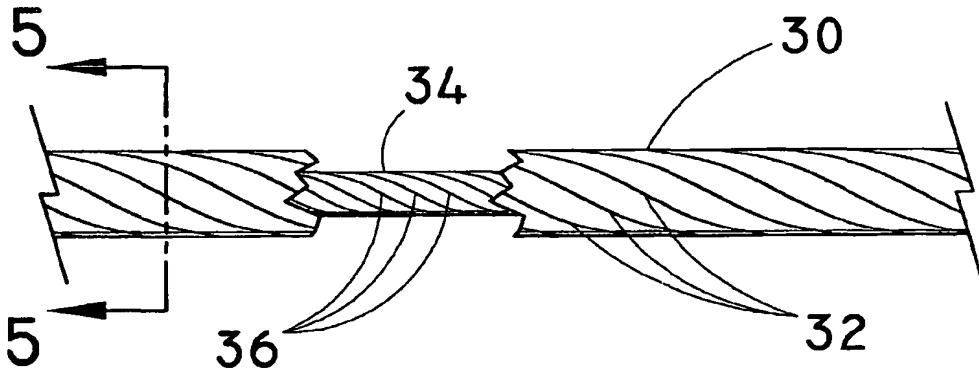
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(57) Abstract: An introducer sheath and a method of manufacturing an introducer sheath. The introducer comprises a first polymeric sleeve (34) having a first striped extrusion arranged in a generally helical pattern along the first sleeve. A second polymeric sleeve (30) is positioned over and bonded to the first polymeric sleeve, the second polymeric sleeve comprising a second striped extrusion that is arranged in a generally helical pattern along the second sleeve. The first and second polymeric sleeves are axially aligned such that the second striped extrusion is superposed over the first striped extrusion to define a generally braid-like configuration. The introducer sheath can optionally include an inner liner disposed within a lumen of the first polymeric sleeve, and/or a coil fitted over the inner liner, such that the first polymeric sleeve is bonded to the inner liner between turns of the coil.

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